

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-74. (Canceled)

75. (New) A nozzle for attachment to a dispenser for dispensing material, the nozzle comprising:

- a) a fitting at a first end to facilitate attachment to the dispenser;
- b) an opening at a second end opposite the first end through which material is dispensed, the opening defining a periphery having a lateral width dimension and a height dimension, the opening further comprising arcuate and concave surfaces at widthwise opposite ends that remain of fixed dimension, the lateral width dimension substantially exceeding twice the height dimension of the opening; and
- c) a forwardly-projecting side wall tapering from the first end to the opening, the side wall having a peripheral outer surface defined by a curved surface that transitions into a convex surface that terminates at the opening;
- d) whereby a substantially constant layer of material is dispensed through the opening and having a width of the opening.

76. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 75, wherein the height dimension remains substantially constant throughout the lateral width extent of the opening.

77. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 75, wherein the height dimension varies throughout the lateral width extent of the opening.

78. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 75, wherein the side wall further comprises an upper wall and a lower wall such that when viewed in profile the upper wall extends further from the first end than the lower wall.

79. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 78, wherein the upper wall extends beyond the opening to form a spreader blade.

80. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 75, wherein the nozzle is flexible.

81. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 75, wherein the opening has an oval periphery.

82. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 75, further comprising a cap for covering the opening.

83. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 82, wherein the cap further comprises a plug for plugging the opening.
84. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 83, wherein a portion of the plug extends around the opening.
85. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 83, wherein a portion of the plug extends into the opening.
86. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 75, wherein the fitting is threaded.
87. (New) A nozzle in accordance with claim 75, further comprising a compressible dispenser attached to the nozzle.
88. (New) A flowable edible material mass progressive dispenser comprising in combination:
- a) a container for said mass, said container having an end wall,
 - b) a nozzle projecting generally forwardly from said end wall, and having a side wall that extends forwardly and terminates at a furthest forward end opening through which said mass is dispensed,
 - c) said end opening defining a periphery having a lateral width dimension and a height dimension, said lateral width dimension substantially exceeding twice said height dimension of said end opening, for spreading the mass of material being dispensed, the dispenser having surfaces including arcuate and concave surfaces at widthwise opposite ends of said opening, which remain of fixed dimension, and
 - d) said nozzle side wall having a peripheral outer surface comprised of an upper wall, a lower wall and two sidewalls, wherein the entire exposed portion of at least one wall of said peripheral outer surface comprises a concave surface positioned between two convex surfaces,
 - e) whereby a substantially constant height layer of said mass is dispensed forwardly through said nozzle end opening as the mass in the container is pressurized, and said layer has the width of said end opening.
89. (New) A dispenser in accordance with claim 88, further comprising a cap for covering said nozzle.

90. (New) A dispenser in accordance with claim 89, wherein the height dimension of the end opening remains substantially the same throughout the lateral width extent of said end opening.

91. (New) A flowable edible material mass progressive dispenser comprising in combination:

- a) a longitudinally forwardly elongated container for said mass, said container having an end wall,
- b) a nozzle projecting generally forwardly from said end wall, and having a side wall that extends forwardly and terminates at a furthest forward end opening through which said mass is dispensed,
- c) said end opening defining a periphery having a lateral width dimension, and a height dimension that remains substantially the same throughout the lateral width extent of said end opening, said lateral width dimension substantially exceeding twice said height dimension of said end opening, for spreading the mass of material being dispensed, the dispenser having surfaces including arcuate and concave surfaces at widthwise opposite ends of said opening, which remain of fixed dimension, acting to spread said material being dispensed via the nozzle end opening,
- d) said nozzle side wall having a peripheral outer surface comprised of an upper wall, a lower wall and two sidewalls, that is everywhere forwardly convergent toward said end opening periphery to define forward taper as it peripherally and forwardly approaches said nozzle end opening, wherein the entire exposed portion of said upper wall consists of a concave surface positioned between two convex surfaces,
- e) whereby a substantially constant height layer of said mass is dispensed forwardly through said nozzle end opening as the mass in the container is pressurized, and said layer has the width of said end opening,
- f) said forward taper acting to terminally narrow the nozzle and configure it for ease of spreading said dispensed layer, and
- g) a cap for covering said nozzle.

92. (New) A dispenser in accordance with claim 91, wherein the cap further comprises a plug for plugging the opening.
93. (New) A dispenser in accordance with claim 92, wherein a portion of the plug extends around the end opening.
94. (New) A dispenser in accordance with claim 92, wherein a portion of the plug extends into the end opening.